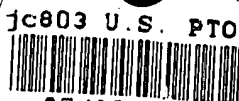


## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:



Date: July 20, 2000

Attached for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: IYER

Entitled: **BEAM FILLED WITH MATERIAL, DECK  
SYSTEM AND METHOD**

and including attachments as noted below:

- ☒ Declaration, ☒ Abstract  
14 pages of specification and claims (including 21 numbered claims), and  
1 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.  
☒ Record & return the attached assignment to the undersigned.  
☐ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 USC 119 based on the following foreign applications, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application:

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, respectively.

- ☐ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.  
☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line --This is a \_\_\_\_\_ of PCT application \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--  
☐ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 USC 120/365 based on the following prior PCT applications designating the U.S., the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application:

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- ☒ This application is based on the following prior provisional application(s):

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respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom.

- ☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: -- This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

- ☒ Two (2) Verified Statements attached establishing "small entity" status (Rules 9 & 27)

The Examiner's attention is directed to the prior art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or Examiner for the reasons stated therein.

- ☒ Preliminary amendment to claims (attached hereto), to be entered before calculation of the fee below.

Also attached: **Exclusive Substitute Power of Attorney by Assignee with copy of Assignment attached**

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		<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	\$ 786.00
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our **Account No. 14-1140**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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